2.	Netaji Nagar	Additional Light/ Power points.
3.	Vasant Vihar	'NIL'
R.K. PURAM		
4.	(i) Sector IX	'NIL'
	(ii) Sector XII	Additional power/ light points.

Sanction to Works under MPLADS

2939. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a restriction on construction of 'A' class roads, putting bitumen thereon and Construction of Dharamshala Buildings, under the Members of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the name of districts in Madhya Pradesh where such approval has been given and of those where it has not been given;

(d) whether any instructions have been issued to the district collectors not to sanction the items other then those included in the guidelines for implementation of MPLADS; and

(e) if not the details of works recommended by Members of Parliament and not sanctioned by the district collectors in Chhattisgarh Region of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) There is no restriction on construction of 'A' class roads putting bitumen thereon, and on construction of Dharamshala buildings outside temple premises, under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS).

(c) to (e) No differentiation has been made under the guidelines on regional basis with regard to the permissibility of works under MPLADS. Generally the works are to be sanctioned within the framework of the guidelines on MPLADS. The list of permissible works as given in the guidelines is an illustrative one. The details of works recommended by the MP and not sanctioned by the District Collectors in Chhattisgarh Region of Madhya Pradesh are being obtained from the State Government and the relevant information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Clearance to Power Projects

2940. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether eminent persons and environmentalists have urged Government to reconsider their decision to allow the State Governments to clear all power projects;

(b) if so, whether there is also a persistent demand to set up an independent statutory authority responsible for speedy appraisal and environmental clearance of the projects; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Government have received representations expressing apprehension about further delegation of authority to the States for clearance of power projects.

(b) and (c) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and other concerned agencies, including those relating to environment, are at present responsible for clearances to power projects. There are also proposals before Government for constitution of Independent Regulatory Commissions for regulation of the power industry. This matter was discussed in the Chief Ministers Conference held recently and the suggestions received during the Conference in this regard are currently under consideration of the Government.

Central Assistance for BMS to Maharashtra

2941. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the additional central assistance provided to Maharashtra for seven Basic Minimum Services (BMS) during the current financial year;

(b) whether the State Government has indicated any choice of services under the BMS, for utilising the additional Central assistance;